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REMARKS

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1. [] the following observations at the Rathenow main railroad station between 13 and 21 January 1954:
 At about 4 p.m. on 13 January, 35 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets without branch of service insignia and 6 uniformed women, who came from the Ziethen Kaserne and carried baggage but no arms, left aboard the regular passenger train toward Stendal. The women had been shipped to the station by truck []
 At about 2:30 p.m. on 20 January, a freight train, which arrived from the direction of Stendal and proceeded toward Berlin, included about 24 flatcars carrying 16 x 120-mm mortars and about 20 trucks. (F-2)² Between 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. on 21 January, 20 trucks, including some with numbers of the B 5-18-xx series, 12 x 122-mm howitzers, sedan [] and about 100 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia were detrained and left for the Ziethen Kaserne.¹
2. Numerous families of Soviet officers arrived at Rathenow in early January and were quartered in the Ziethen Kaserne. The buildings between Pionier Kaserne and Kraftfahrer Kaserne were being prepared for Soviet dependents.
3. At 6 p.m. on 19 January, 15 to 18 [] tanks and/or heavy SP guns, [] and about 10 trucks passed through Schwanenbeck, proceeding toward Birkholz or Ahrensfelde.³
4. At 9:30 a.m. on 20 January, 20 to 25 trucks, occupied by troops [] were observed in Woltersdorf proceeding toward Berlin.⁴
5. A new unit of about 300 to 400 troops wearing red-bordered black and black-bordered black epaulets and equipped with about 40 trucks arrived at the Lutz Kaserne in Wuensdorf on 18 January. [] an officer of this unit had been stationed in Leipzig. The bulk of the unit previously stationed in the installation transferred to the Kammersdorf estate.⁵
1. [] Comment. It is possible that, on 13 January, an advance detail of the 18th How Arty Brig [] transferred to Altengrabow, where, at that time, the 6th Arty Div conducted firing practices. Motor vehicle [] observed with the shipments belonged to the above mentioned brigade. The unloading on 21 January, also involved units of the brigade who, according to reports on transportation, are fairly definitely believed to have arrived from Altengrabow on one of the trains []
 It is, however, believed that these elements returned to their previous quarters in the Pionier Kaserne (5442).

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2. Comment. The train on 20 January presumably carried units of the 9th Gds Tank Div, which returned to Neustrelitz from Altengrabow

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a reinforced tank company, probably of the 93d Tank Regt of the 6th Gds Mecz Div, which went in the opposite direction. 25X1
The tank mentioned can be carried with this regiment. It, therefore, is believed, that the movements observed were made in connection with an exercise of elements of the regiment carried in the restricted area in the west section of the Wuhlgarten Heilanstalt.

4. Comment. Motor vehicle may belong to the 10th Gds Tank Div. 25X1

5. Comment. Compare with previous reports which also do not permit any definite conclusions as to the alleged changes in the occupation of the installation mentioned. 25X1

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